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Mr. Essid,

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services endorses the actions taken by the Commonwealth's Interoperability Coordinators Office to promote and enact as Virginia Best Practice the Common Language protocols as based on the National Incident Management System for emergency response communications. This office has practiced the use of common language as the standard when directing EMS Task Force responses and supports the use of this standard across all public safety disciplines. Safe, effective and clear communications between differing agencies and jurisdictions will help assure the public is best served during times of emergency and disaster situations.

The Commonwealth's Interoperability Coordinators Office with the State Interoperability Executive Committee and State Interoperability Advisory Group are to be complimented on the dedication and hard work put forth to make Common Language protocols a part of the Virginia public safety response system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary R. Brown".

Gary R. Brown
Director

VDH/Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services

Cc: Dr. Robert Stroube, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Commissioner
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